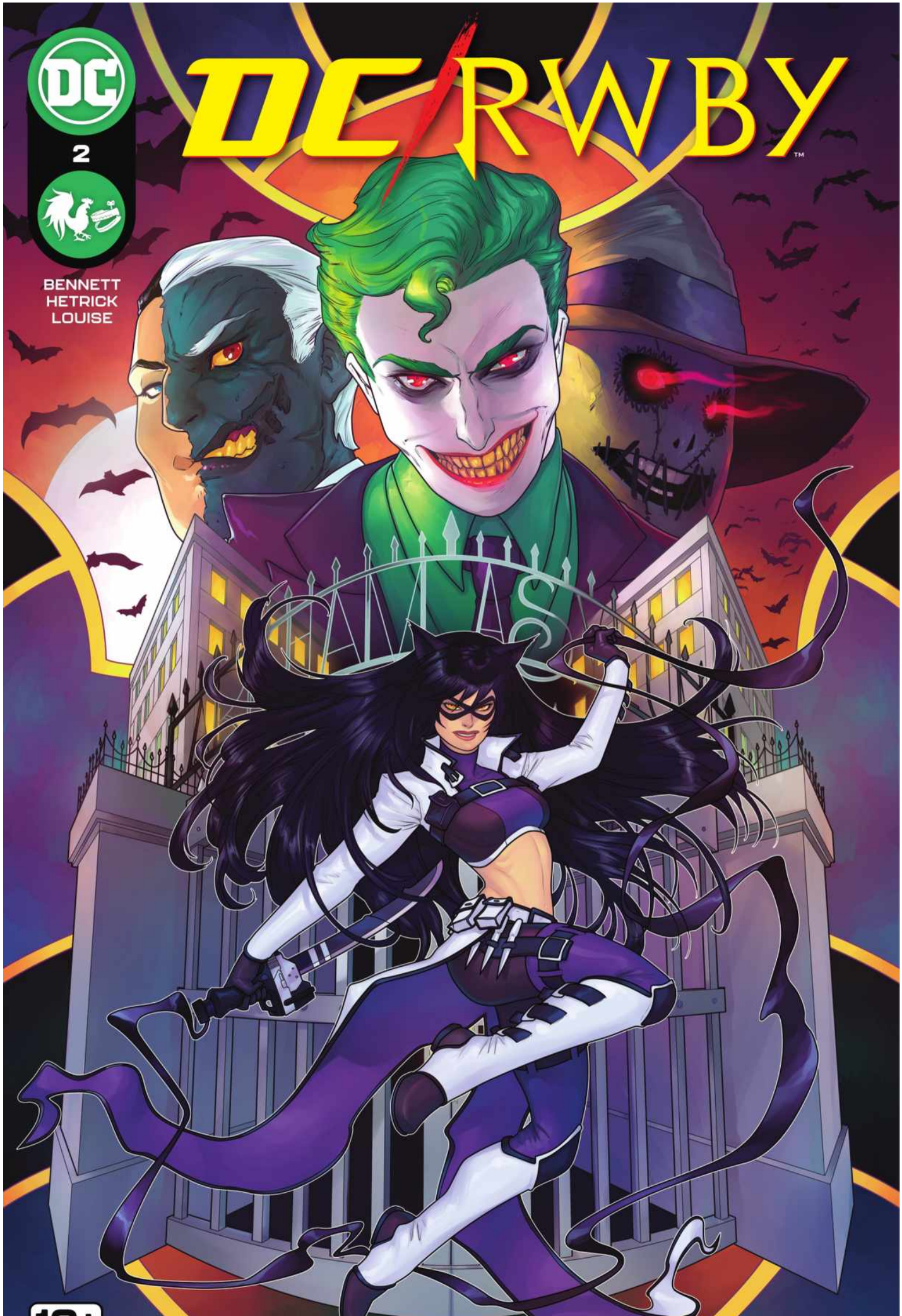
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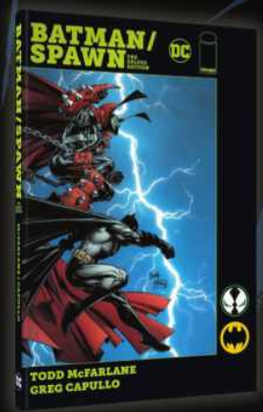

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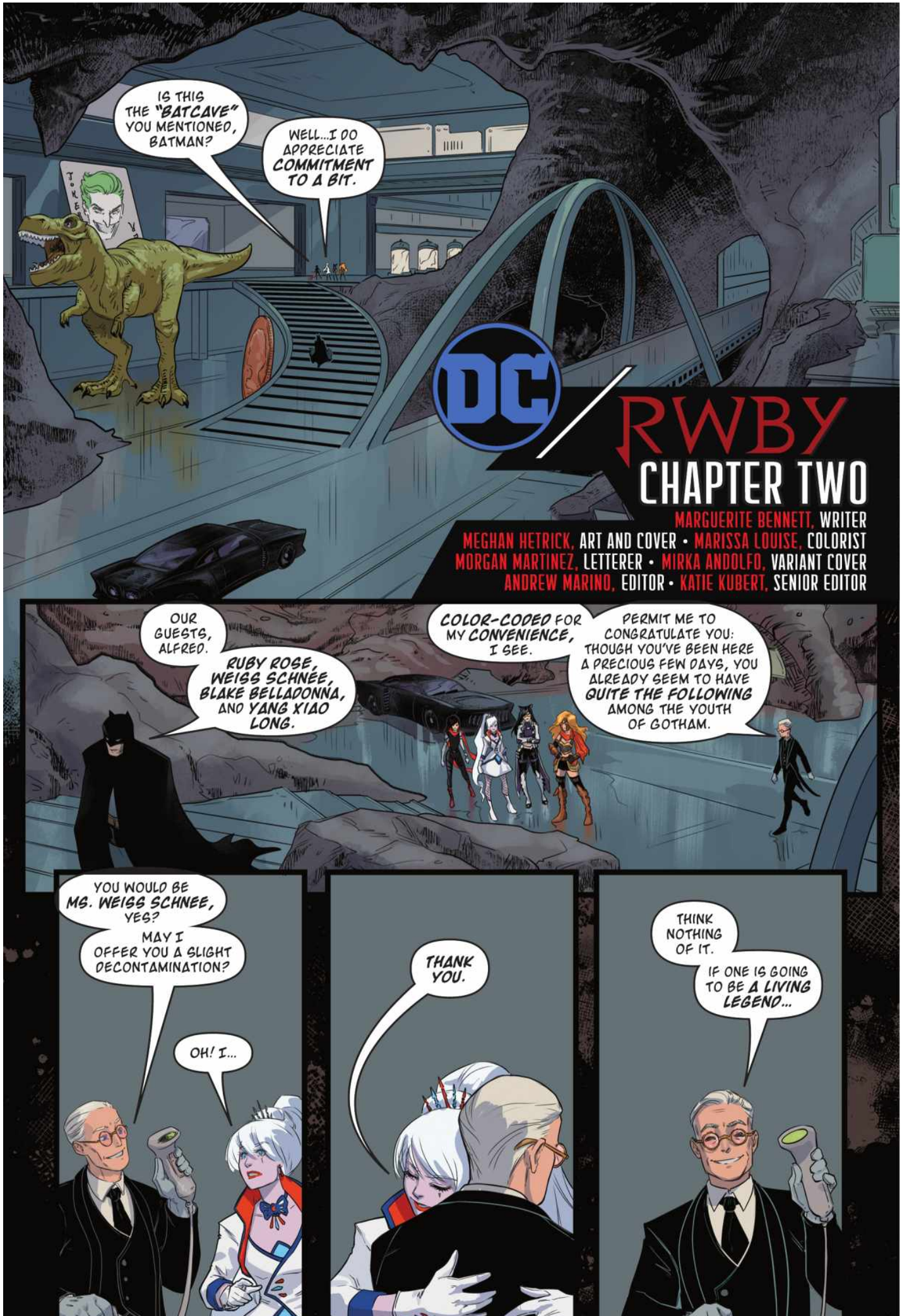
IS THIS THE "BATCAVE" YOU MENTIONED, BATMAN?
WELL...I DO APPRECIATE COMMITMENT TO A BIT.
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OUR GUESTS, ALFRED.
RUBY ROSE, WEISS SCHNEE, BLAKE BELLADONNA, AND YANG XIAO LONG.
COLOR-CODED FOR MY CONVENIENCE, I SEE.
PERMIT ME TO CONGRATULATE YOU: THOUGH YOU'VE BEEN HERE A PRECIOUS FEW DAYS, YOU ALREADY SEEM TO HAVE QUITE THE FOLLOWING AMONG THE YOUTH OF GOTHAM.
YOU WOULD BE MS. WEISS SCHNEE, YES?
MAY I OFFER YOU A SLIGHT DECONTAMINATION?
OH! I...
THANK YOU.
THINK NOTHING OF IT.
IF ONE IS GOING TO BE A LIVING LEGEND...

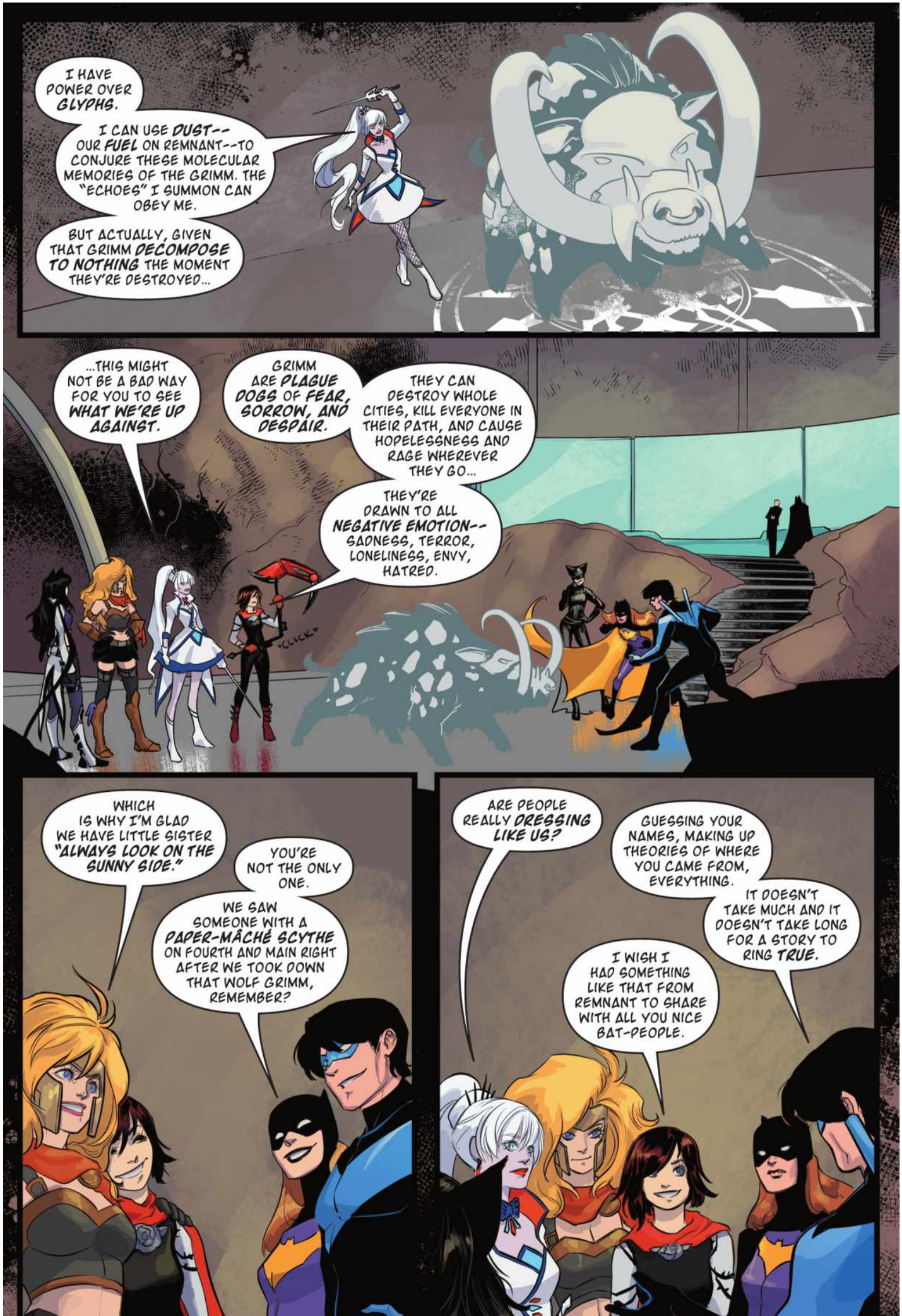
...ONE MUST LOOK THE PART.
YOU NEED MORE CHAIRS IN THIS BATCAVE, BAD-MAN.
WHAT DO YOU FWUMP INTO WHEN YOU'RE EXHAUSTED FROM CRUSHING MONSTERS AND PUTTING OUT HOSPITAL FIRES ALL NIGHT?
OH, YOU KNOW, HANG FROM THE CEILING IN A BURRITO OF YOUR OWN WINGS.
YOU GET USED TO IT.
NIGHTWING.
RUBY ROSE!
AND HERE I THOUGHT WEISS WAS DRAMATIC.
NONE OF US WILL EVER MATCH NIGHTWING FOR CHIVALRY AND SHOWMANSHIP.
HIIII, BATGIRL.
IS EVERYONE BAT-THEMED HERE?
WHAT? HAVE YOU NEVER HEARD OF GOTHAM CITY?
I MEAN, MAYBE IN A FAIRY TALE, BUT--
YANG, BLAKE, WEISS, AND I ARE, UH... NEW ARRIVALS.
TO YOUR DIMENSION OF THE MULTIVERSE?

WE'RE ON A MONSTER-HUNTING EXPEDITION--
THE BLACK-AND-WHITE BEASTIES.
GRIMM, WE CALL THEM.
IN OUR WORLD, THEY DON'T CAUSE PEOPLE TO DEVELOP SEMBLANCES, THOUGH.
ARE THE GRIMM WHAT'S CAUSING ALL THE BLACKOUTS ACROSS THE ELECTRICAL GRID?
IS THE GRID DOWN, TOO? HALF THE CARS ON MAIN SUDDENLY LOCKED UP AT ONCE--I THOUGHT IT WAS AN E.M.P. AT FIRST--
GRIMM, SEMBLANCES, AND BLACKOUTS?
WE'VE GOT TO GET THESE MONSTERS UNDER CONTROL, RUBY.
THE WAY THESE "GRIMM" ARE TRANSFORMING PEOPLE, GIVING THEM POWERS--
DID THOSE APPEAR AFTER YOU FOUGHT THE--?
IN REMNANT, THERE ARE HUMANS, AND THERE ARE FAUNUS.
OH. EXCUSE ME. SO SORRY.
I'M GUESSING THAT MEANS... ANIMAL-HYBRID PEOPLE?
YES.
AND I AM A CAT FAUNUS, THANK YOU.
WHICH SHOWS WHAT SUPURRLATIVE TASTE YOU HAVE, DEAR.

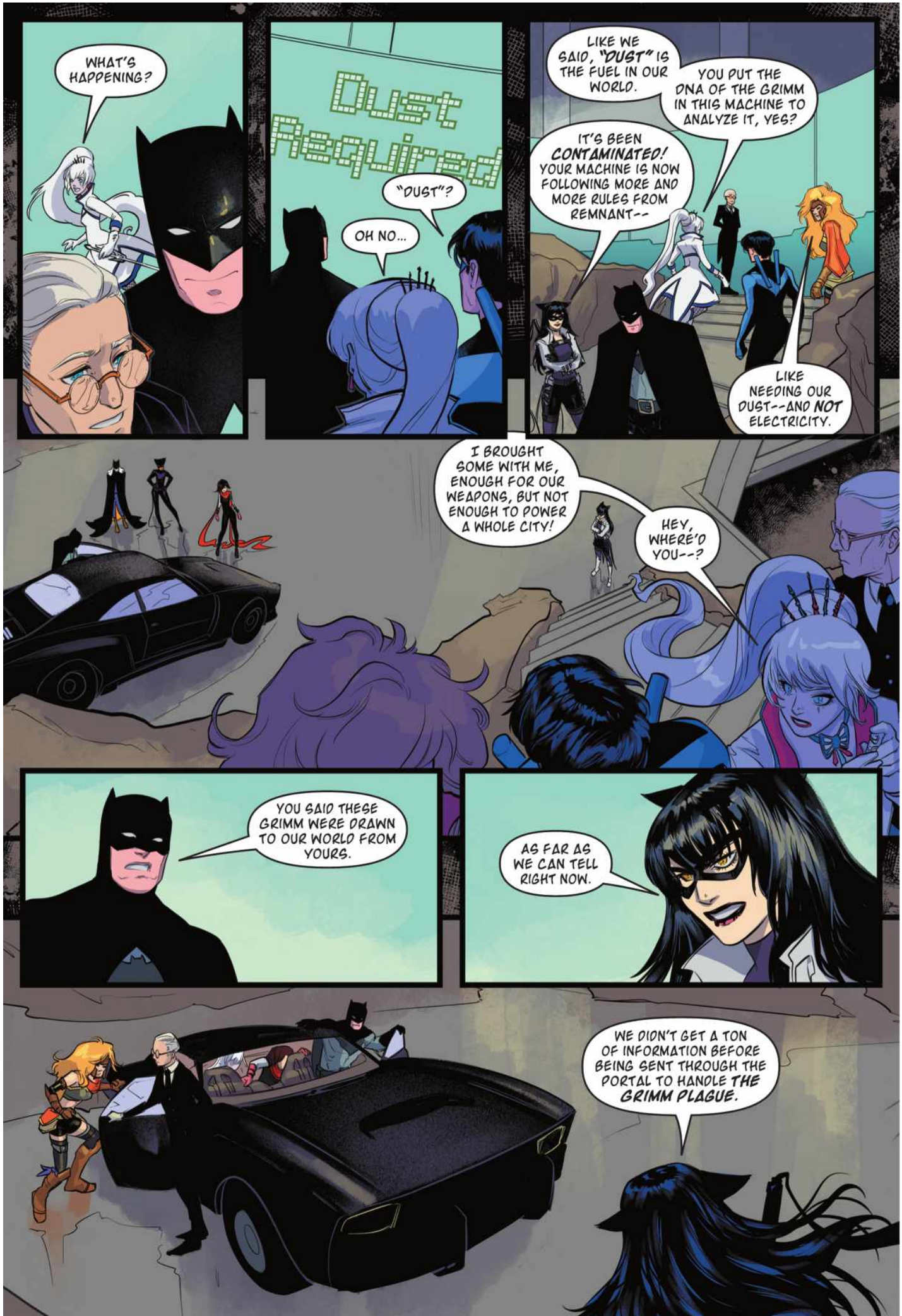
UNLIKE THE ROOM WE'RE ALL LOUNGING IN.
TO EACH THEIR OWN. I'M SURE EVERYONE ON SINGLE MALE LIVING SPACE WAS VERY IMPRESSED, BATMAN.
CATWOMAN.
HOW DID YOU GET IN HERE?
YOU GAVE ME A KEY.
HMH.
DID YOU NEED ME TO FEED YOUR BOX OF ROADSIDE KITTENS WHILE YOU WERE OUT GALLIVANTING?
IF BY "GALLIVANTING" YOU MEAN "PUTTING OUT A HOSPITAL FIRE AND SEEING ALL PATIENTS SAFELY RELOCATED TO SECURE HEALTHCARE FACILITIES."
THIS IS WHY YOUR WORST ENEMY IS CALLED THE JOKER--YOU HAVE NO SENSE OF HUMOR AND AN EVEN WORSE SENSE OF COMEDIC TIMING.

CATWOMAN. I HAVE A BOTTLE OF LOUIS ROEDERER CRISTAL ROSÉ AND A CHILEAN SEA BASS WITH CAPER SAUCE AND CARAMELIZED LEMONS.
ALFRED, EVEN YOU AREN'T THIS GOOD.
I DEFINITELY WOULD'VE SMELLED THAT FISH.
I SEEM TO HAVE DEVELOPED A NEW ABILITY TO MANIFEST WHATEVER I NEED, THE MOMENT I NEED IT.
A SEMBLANCE!
IN OUR WORLD--REMNANT--THOSE WITH SOULS HAVE SEMBLANCES, A SPECIAL--WELL, I SUPPOSE YOU'D CALL IT A SUPERPOWER.
AS THE GRIMM--THE HORRIBLE BLACK-AND-WHITE MONSTERS FROM OUR WORLD--SPREAD, THEY'RE CONTAMINATING PEOPLE WITH THE NATURAL LAWS OF REMNANT.
SUCH AS THE POSSESSION OF A SEMBLANCE.
POOF
YOU GAINED ONE, BATMAN. THERE'S NO OTHER WAY YOU COULD'VE EVADED ALL OF US IN THAT ALLEY!
HEH. DON'T BE SO SURE.
YOU, WITH A SUPERPOWER?
PRECOGNITION. AN ABILITY TO COMBINE INFORMATION IN A WAY THAT PERMITTED ME TO SEE AN OPPONENT'S NEXT MOVES.
YOU PRETTY MUCH HAD THAT ALREADY.
NOT LIKE THIS.
IF WE BECOME DEPENDENT ON THESE POWERS, THE WITHDRAWAL WILL BE...ACUTE.

YOU ALL HAVE THESE POWERS?
MY NAME IS RUBY ROSE. MY WEAPON IS CRESCENT ROSE, AND MY SEMBLANCE IS SUPER-SPEED.
ENOUGH
YANG XIAO LONG.
THESE BABIES ARE MY EMBER CELICA DOUBLE-SHOT GAUNTLETS.
AND WHEN SOMETHING HITS ME, I CAN HIT BACK WITH THE SAME FORCE, SPEED, AND MOMENTUM--AND THEN SOME.
TERRIFICALLY USEFUL AFTER A BREAKUP.
AND YOU, LITTLE KITTY-CAT FAUNUS?
BLAKE... BELLADONNA.
AND THIS IS GAMBOL SHROUD.
I CAN ACTUALLY BREAK UP--MAKE A SHADOW-CLONE OF MYSELF.
IF YOU'RE EVER LOOKING FOR A NEW LINE OF WORK, THIS IS MY NUMBER.
AND YOU?
HER NAME IS WEISS SCHNEE, HER SWORD IS MYRTENASTER, AND SHE CAN SUMMON A GLYPH-GRIMM!
WELL, SORT OF--I'M LEARNING!
SO YOU ARE GENERATING THESE CREATURES.
NO!


I HAVE POWER OVER GLYPHS.
I CAN USE DUST--OUR FUEL ON REMNANT--TO CONJURE THESE MOLECULAR MEMORIES OF THE GRIMM. THE "ECHOES" I SUMMON CAN OBEY ME.
BUT ACTUALLY, GIVEN THAT GRIMM DECOMPOSE TO NOTHING THE MOMENT THEY'RE DESTROYED...
...THIS MIGHT NOT BE A BAD WAY FOR YOU TO SEE WHAT WE'RE UP AGAINST.
GRIMM ARE PLAGUE DOGS OF FEAR, SORROW, AND DESPAIR.
THEY CAN DESTROY WHOLE CITIES, KILL EVERYONE IN THEIR PATH, AND CAUSE HOPELESSNESS AND RAGE WHEREVER THEY GO...
THEY'RE DRAWN TO ALL NEGATIVE EMOTION--SADNESS, TERROR, LONELINESS, ENVY, HATRED.
CLICK
WHICH IS WHY I'M GLAD WE HAVE LITTLE SISTER "ALWAYS LOOK ON THE SUNNY SIDE."
YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE.
WE SAW SOMEONE WITH A PAPER-MÂCHÉ SCYTHE ON FOURTH AND MAIN RIGHT AFTER WE TOOK DOWN THAT WOLF GRIMM, REMEMBER?
ARE PEOPLE REALLY DRESSING LIKE US?
GUESSING YOUR NAMES, MAKING UP THEORIES OF WHERE YOU CAME FROM, EVERYTHING.
IT DOESN'T TAKE MUCH AND IT DOESN'T TAKE LONG FOR A STORY TO RING TRUE.
I WISH I HAD SOMETHING LIKE THAT FROM REMNANT TO SHARE WITH ALL YOU NICE BAT-PEOPLE.

SO GOTHAM IS NO MORE THAN A FAIRY TALE, IF THAT, IN THE WORLD OF REMNANT?
AS FAR AS I CAN RECALL. THERE ARE ALL KINDS OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN OUR WORLDS.
FOR STARTERS, YOUR MOON ISN'T BROKEN. IN REMNANT, IT'S SMASHED TO SMITHEREENS.
SO YOUR WORLD DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT OURS, BUT THE GRIMM MANAGED TO...SENSE THE WOE OF GOTHAM THROUGH THE MULTIVERSE?
THAT'S PRETTY BLEAK.
THAT'S OUR THEORY RIGHT NOW, ANYWAY.
"NOW THAT THE GRIMM ARE HERE, THOUGH, THEY SEEM TO BE INFECTING PEOPLE WITH SEMBLANCES--SUPERPOWERS--LIKE THE ONE WHO BREATHED FIRE AND BURNED UP THE HOSPITAL.
"IN OUR WORLD, WE'RE HUNTRESSES--SPECIALLY TRAINED TO FIGHT GRIMM. WE SPEND YEARS LEARNING TO MASTER OUR ABILITIES.
"BUT A BUNCH OF PEOPLE, ALL SUDDENLY WITH ABILITIES BEYOND THEIR WILDEST DREAMS, TURNED LOOSE IN A CITY INFESTED WITH CREATURES OF FEAR, RAGE, AND DESPAIR...
"AND NOW THE RUMORS THE GRIMM


WHAT'S HAPPENING?
Dust Required
"DUST"?
OH NO...
LIKE WE SAID, "DUST" IS THE FUEL IN OUR WORLD.
YOU PUT THE DNA OF THE GRIMM IN THIS MACHINE TO ANALYZE IT, YES?
IT'S BEEN CONTAMINATED! YOUR MACHINE IS NOW FOLLOWING MORE AND MORE RULES FROM REMNANT--
LIKE NEEDING OUR DUST--AND NOT ELECTRICITY.
I BROUGHT SOME WITH ME, ENOUGH FOR OUR WEAPONS, BUT NOT ENOUGH TO POWER A WHOLE CITY!
HEY, WHERE'D YOU--?
YOU SAID THESE GRIMM WERE DRAWN TO OUR WORLD FROM YOURS.
AS FAR AS WE CAN TELL RIGHT NOW.
WE DIDN'T GET A TON OF INFORMATION BEFORE BEING SENT THROUGH THE PORTAL TO HANDLE THE GRIMM PLAGUE.

SEATBELTS?
CLIK
SHWWW
WHERE IS THE PLACE IN GOTHAM WITH THE MOST NEGATIVE EMOTION?
SPLSSSH
VROOOOOOOM
THERE IS ONLY ONE PLACE.
ARKHAM ASYLUM.
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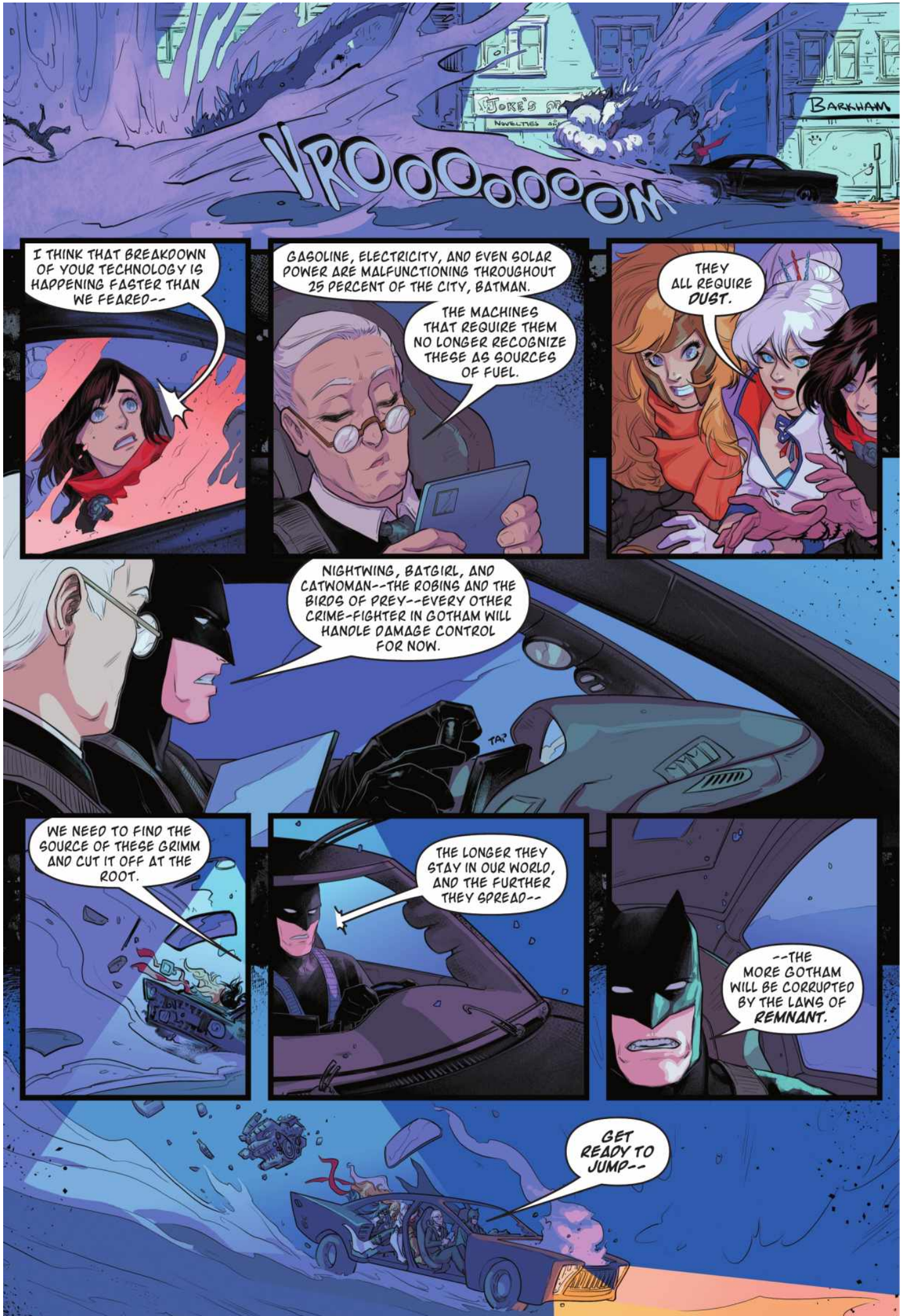

VROOOOOOOM
JOKE'S
NOVELTIES
BARKHAM
I THINK THAT BREAKDOWN OF YOUR TECHNOLOGY IS HAPPENING FASTER THAN WE FEARED--
GASOLINE, ELECTRICITY, AND EVEN SOLAR POWER ARE MALFUNCTIONING THROUGHOUT 25 PERCENT OF THE CITY, BATMAN.
THE MACHINES THAT REQUIRE THEM NO LONGER RECOGNIZE THESE AS SOURCES OF FUEL.
THEY ALL REQUIRE DUST.
NIGHTWING, BATGIRL, AND CATWOMAN--THE ROBINS AND THE BIRDS OF PREY--EVERY OTHER CRIME-FIGHTER IN GOTHAM WILL HANDLE DAMAGE CONTROL FOR NOW.
TAP
WE NEED TO FIND THE SOURCE OF THESE GRIMM AND CUT IT OFF AT THE ROOT.
THE LONGER THEY STAY IN OUR WORLD, AND THE FURTHER THEY SPREAD--
--THE MORE GOTHAM WILL BE CORRUPTED BY THE LAWS OF REMNANT.
GET READY TO JUMP--

CRSH
BANG
CRMPL
HSSSS
You have arrived at your destination.
Arkham Asylum.
HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT WAS COMING?
...
PRECOG.
YOUR SEMBLANCE.
ARE YOU ABLE TO SEE IF--?
I NEED TO IGNORE IT.
RUBY, YANG, WEISS, AND BLAKE WILL NOT BE STAYING LONG.
WHEN THESE GRIMM ARE DESTROYED, WE CAN HOPE THESE SEMBLANCES WILL GO WITH THEM.
WE CANNOT BECOME DEPENDENT ON SOMETHING WE NEED TO LOSE.

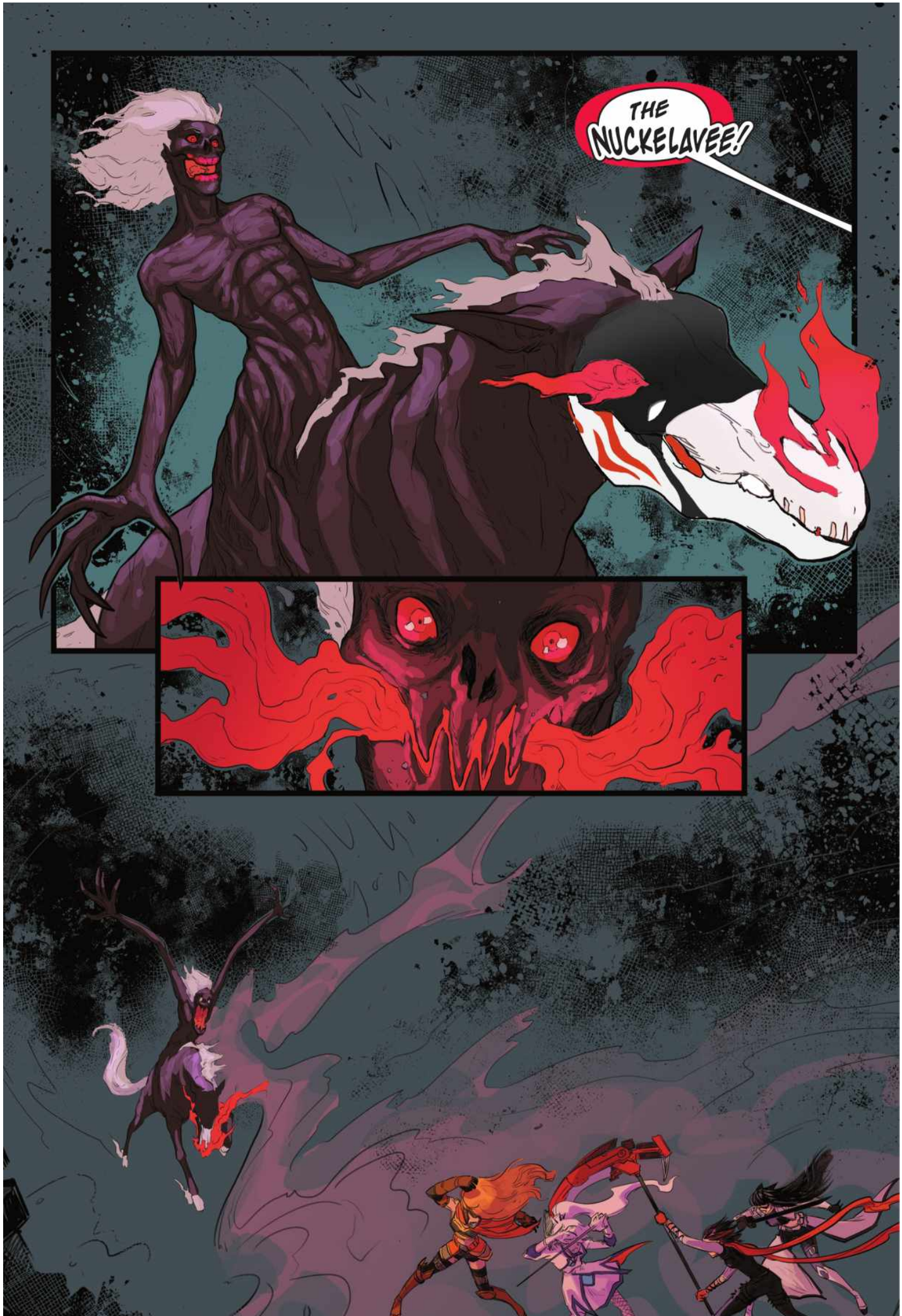
YOU'RE AFRAID OF BECOMING WEAK.
YOU'RE PROUD THAT WHAT YOU'VE DONE IS BECAUSE YOU'RE ALONE.
BUT ALL NIGHT, I'VE BEEN WATCHING HOW YOU TREAT PEOPLE, AND YOU'RE NOT ALONE.
HEAVEN KNOWS WHY.
AND IF ALFRED PROVES ANYTHING, IT'S THAT YOU NEVER WERE.
AND IF YOU START FEARING YOUR SEMBLANCE--FEARING HELP FROM OTHERS, FEARING HELP FROM ANYWHERE EXCEPT WITHIN...
...THE GRIMM WILL SMELL THAT FEAR.
THE GRIMM WILL COME FOR YOU.
DON'T LET FEAR DECEIVE YOU INTO TURNING DOWN HELP.
DON'T DO THEIR WORK FOR THEM.
WOW, DID YOU JUST GET CHEWED OUT BY BLAKE?
I'M JEALOUS.
SHE'S RIGHT. GRIMM THRIVE ON NEGATIVE EMOTION.
AND BY THE LOOKS OF IT...
ARKHAM ASYL
...WE'RE ABOUT TO WALK INTO A SMORGASBORD.

HOWDY, BATMAN!
HOW DO YOU LIKE MY NEW THREE-RING CIRCUS?!
CHOMP

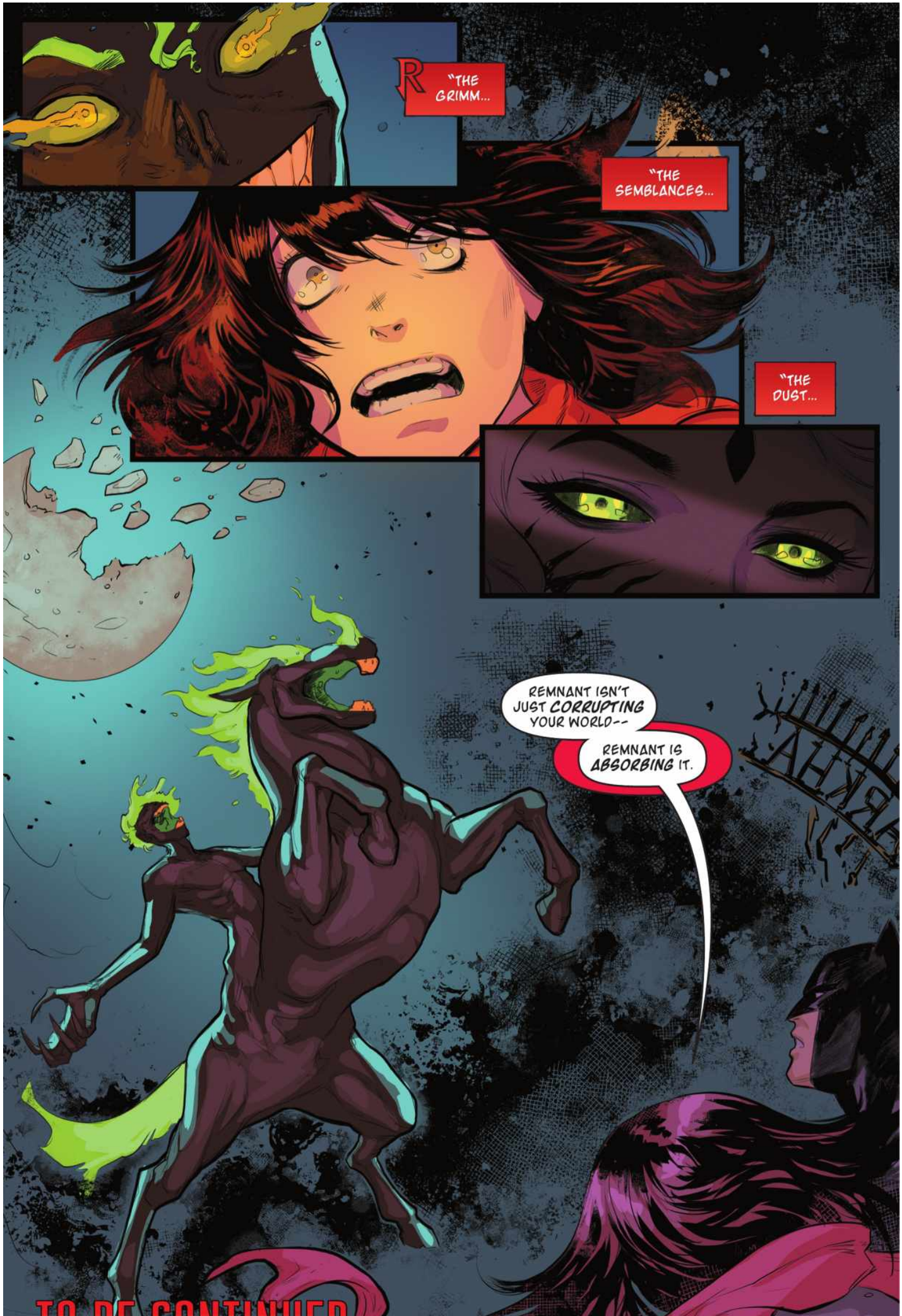
PLEASE-- I CAN'T CONTROL IT--!
STAY CALM-- THINK OF ANY GOOD THING, ANYTHING COMFORTING--
STAY AS CALM AND CONFIDENT AS POSSIBLE, AND HELP THE OTHERS GET OUT OF THIS PLACE.
BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE.
AHHH, A NEW LITTLE PATIENT FOR SCARECROW--?
CATS EAT CROWS, "DOCTOR."
HOW ABOUT A TASTE--
--OF YOUR OWN MEDICINE?!

BUDDY, WHY ARE YOU FIGHTING US?!
WE ARE TRYING TO HELP YOU!
THE ORDERLIES, THE ORDINARIES... ALL THE NORMAL PEOPLE OUT THERE...THEY'RE THE ONES GETTING POWERS...
BUT TRAPPED IN HERE--
--WE'RE IN HELL.
THESE MONSTERS... THEY'VE PROWLED THE HALLS FOR DAYS, WHILE WE WERE TRAPPED IN OUR CELLS. FEEDING OFF OF US. DRINKING US DOWN TO THE DREGS.
DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND?
AFTER THAT TORMENT...
...ONLY ONE POWER IS LEFT TO US.
THE POWER TO CONTROL CREATURES OF RAGE, TERROR, AND DESPAIR...
THE POWER TO CONTROL THE GRIMM.

HSSSS...
THE BLACK RIDER...
HRRRR...
GRRRR...
THE GHOST THAT EATS...
HAHHH...
THE RULER OF THE DEAD...
OH NO, NO, NO...


THE NUCKELAVEE!

BATMAN WON'T LET THE JOKER BE KILLED--
GET BACK! DON'T LET IT TOUCH YOU!
HELLO THERE!
WORST OF BOTH WORLDS?
HAHAHAHA!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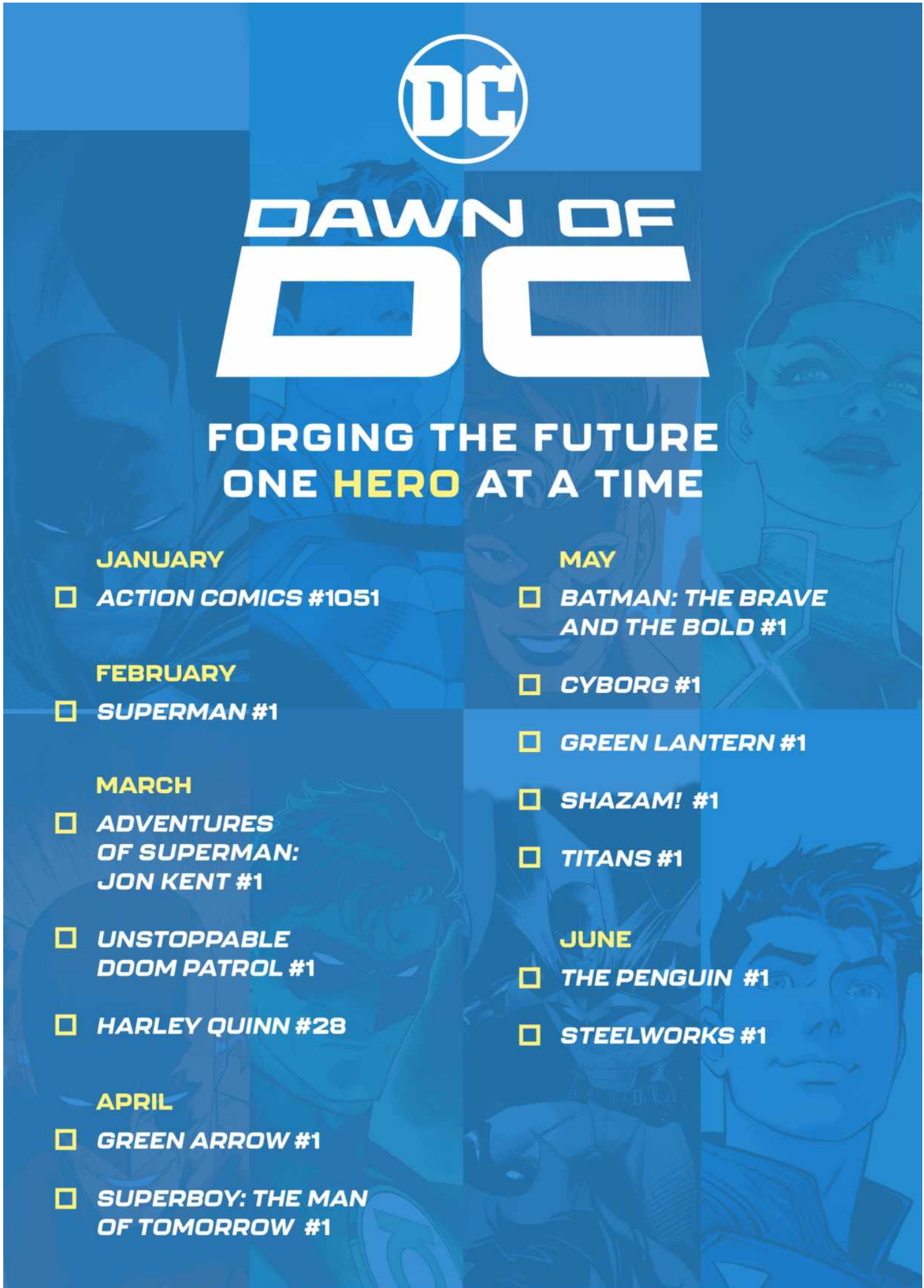
"THE DUST...
REMNANT ISN'T JUST CORRUPTING YOUR WORLD--
REMNANT IS ABSORBING IT.
TO BE CONTINUED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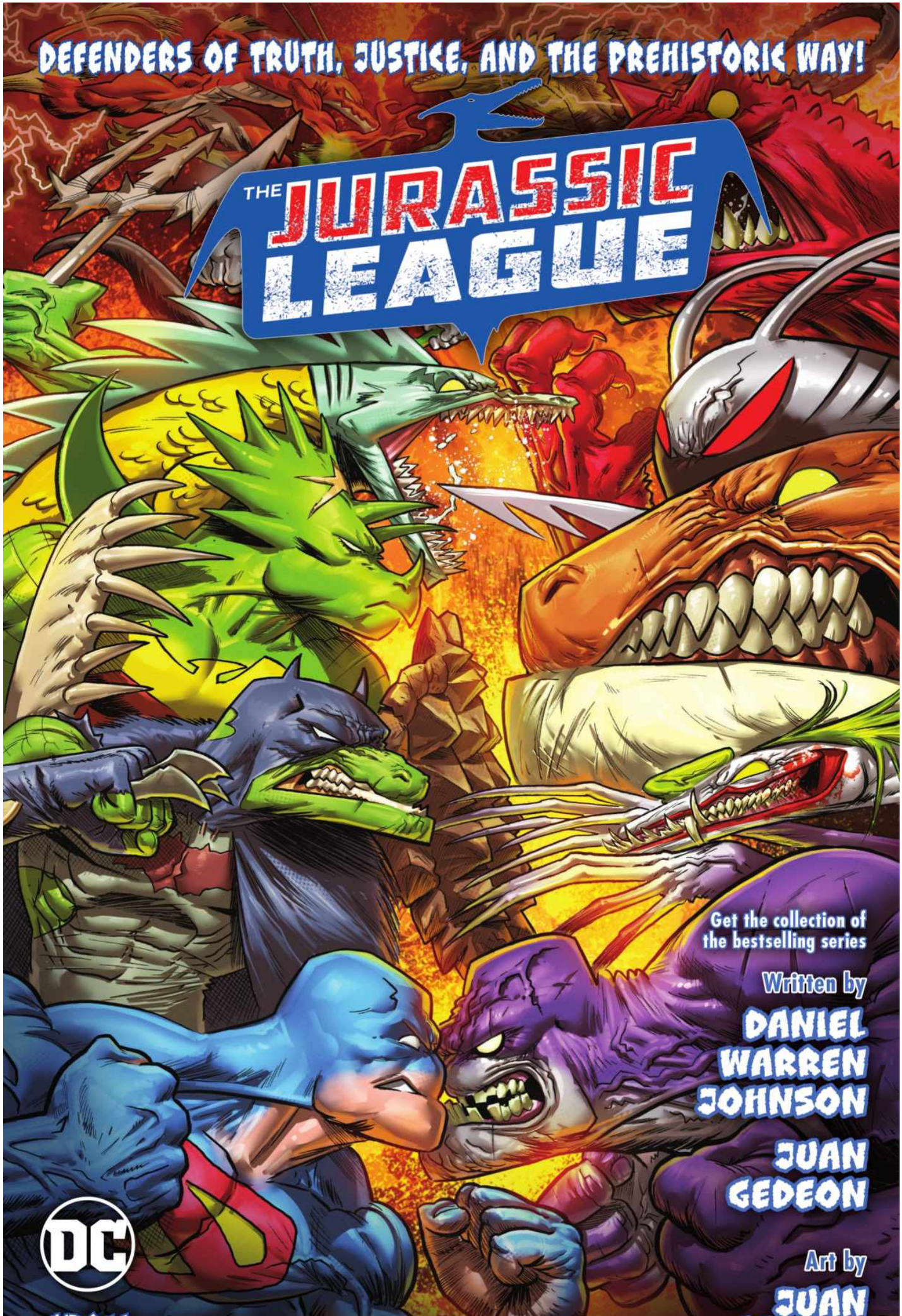
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What kind of ride will *Shazam! Fury of the Gods* take fans on?

It's a supersize version of the original *Shazam!*, which was incredibly entertaining. You see more of the Shazam family uniting together to fight the Daughters of Atlas. These goddesses are no joke. It was really fun being a part of something like this. I used to read the DC comic books, so being a part of that history is something really unique and special.

Your character, Kalypso, is one of the villainous Daughters of Atlas. What can fans expect from these goddesses?

The Daughters of Atlas are returning to Earth to get back their magic, which is basically their powers. The three sisters have different powers. Hespera is the eldest and has the power of elements. She can just point a finger and things will change, like the tides of the sea. Athena is the youngest and has the ability to change access. This means she can adjust buildings, blocks, and where everything is. It can disorient anyone who's coming her way. Kalypso has the power of chaos, meaning she can change people's chemistry to work against their morals.

What was it like suiting up to play Kalypso for the first time?

Let me say the costume I wore was very much made specifically to fit the character. [Costume designer Louise Mingenbach] did an incredible job of thinking about the metals the Daughters of Atlas had on their armor. Kalypso's costume had to be mobile because she's a goddess, but really, she's also a warrior.

For those who have never been on a set with Zachary Levi before, what's that like?

Well...Zach is a DJ, and when I say that, the man comes to set prepared with his music. It allows the set to be a very fun and active place. He even showed up on the last day of shooting after he had already wrapped his scenes a few days prior. He was just there to be supportive, and I think that's something exceptional. He's like a giant kid, so in some ways he's perfect for the role. At the same time, he's also very professional and warm. I was lucky to have a chance to work with him.

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